Mr. James Fletcher: May I know whether there are qualified men in the community who could be recruited?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: There may be qualified men.

Mr. James Fletcher: Is there any special or cogent reason for not recruiting anybody from that community?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Recruitments are made on certain principles and rules.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli, Karthikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): May I know whether there are any cogent reasons why a Magistrate should be recruited from that community?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: I said recruitments are made according to certain rules.

Officers in the Revenue Section of the Secretariat.

13. **Mr. E. K. Kuriype** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the officers in the Revenue Section of the Secretariat?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: The statement required is laid on the table.

Rules regarding assignment of land.

14. **Mr. E. K. Kuriype**: Will the Government be pleased to state how long it is since the rules regarding assignment of land in Travancore were framed?

Mr. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The rules for the assignment of land are mainly—

(1) The Puduval Rules,
(2) The Cardamom Rules,
(3) The Waste Land Rules, and
(4) Special Rules for the grant of lands in Anjanad.

The Puduval Rules were first issued in a consolidated form in 1062 and were revised and re-issued from time to time, *i. e.*, in 1914, 1921, 1923, 1932 and 1935. They were issued as Statutory Rules in 1923 under Section 7 of the Land Assignment Act. The Revised Puduval Rules of 1935 are those in force now.

The Cardamom Rules were first issued in 1905 and re-issued as Statutory Rules under Section 7 of the Land Assignment Act in 1935. Similarly the Waste Land Rules of 1913 were also re-issued under the Land Assignment Act in 1923.

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